

# UK SYSTEMS SOCIETY

## International Conference: Joined up thinking for a joined up world

St Anne's College OXFORD  
3rd to 5th September 2007

### CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS & PARTICIPATION

#### Key Note Speakers:

Geoff Mulgan, Director of the Young Foundation

Prof. Raul Espejo, Syncho Ltd.

Prof. Kees van der Heijden, Emeritus Prof. of General and Strategic Management at Strathclyde University, Glasgow & Associate Fellow at Templeton College, Oxford

Prof. Peter Checkland, Lancaster University Management School

Christopher Tchen, Partner at Carbon Limiting Technologies

Dr. Joanne Tippett, School of Environment and Development, The University of Manchester

#### Conference Theme

The conference is dedicated to facilitating conversations about the use of Systems Theory and Practice relating to: "Joined up thinking for a joined up world". Major themes of the conference are: joined up governance, with reflections on systems ideas, policy and change, a systems view of business and sustainability, and the use of scenarios for strategic thinking. Papers covering these themes are particularly welcome.

#### Key Dates

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## Conference Structure

The conference will provide two and a half days of focussed intensive activity, with an emphasis on delegate interaction and knowledge exchange. Ample time for informal discussion and relaxation is built into the programme. Each day of the conference will begin with a presentation from a distinguished speaker. This will be followed by a presentation reflecting on the themes of the keynote speech from a systems perspective. Facilitated workshops will provide an opportunity for delegates to participate in small group discussions around the issues raised in these presentations. Master classes will be offered on the Tuesday evening. A workshop will be held on the final day to discuss the results of the Grand Challenge workshops, which are being held during 2007 to look at the future of systems thinking.

## Invitation to Submit

We are calling for full technical papers, which will be peer-reviewed prior to acceptance; short discussion papers; doctoral summaries; and poster presentations. We would also like to encourage submission of practitioners' papers and outlines, to stimulate discussion of systems thinking in practice. Proceedings will be produced as a special electronic issue of the UKSS journal *Systemist*, available at the conference on a USB flash drive. Particularly significant papers may be selected for publication in an international journal. Further details about submission can be found at [www.ukss.org.uk](http://www.ukss.org.uk).

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Conference submissions should be made to [submissions@ukss.org.uk](mailto:submissions@ukss.org.uk). Submissions should be in Microsoft Word, using the template that can be downloaded from [www.ukss.org.uk](http://www.ukss.org.uk) under Conference 2007. Details of length of paper, referencing format, etc. can also be found here.

The conference continues the practice of encouraging the involvement of postgraduate students and will again award a Student Prize (£100) for the best submitted research paper or doctoral summary.

## Accommodation

The conference is strictly limited to 100 delegates. The 2007 conference will be held in St. Anne's College, which provides up-to-date facilities in the heart of Oxford's historic setting. For details of the college see [www.st-annes.ox.ac.uk](http://www.st-annes.ox.ac.uk).

## Booking will begin on April 27<sup>th</sup> 2007.

### Costs

Full conference rates:

£375 (member)

£395 (non member)

(Full board, including conference dinner, all rooms en suite)

All bookings should be made through the conference secretariat.

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Day rates:

£150 (member)

£175 (non member)

(Includes lunch)

Research Student discounts may be available, subject to conditions.

**For the latest details, please consult the conference website: [www.ukss.org.uk](http://www.ukss.org.uk)**

Conference Chair: Professor Jim Scholes,  
Lancaster University Management School

Programme Chair: Professor Frank Stowell,  
University of Portsmouth

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